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New dean to help create 'true co-ed environment'

Clarke's new academic dean, Tom McCarver, has been working on-campus since July 1st. McCarver, 46, is a doctoral student at Harvard University in education. Originally from Memphis, Tenn., McCarver was vice-president for student development and dean of students at St. Mary's college in Winona, Minn. during the last five years.

McCarver will work with faculty members at Clarke to staff programs and determine which academic programs to maintain. The arts and humanities will be emphasized in Clarke's programs. "We have to remember that those programs are the heart of the Clarke experience," he said, "regard-

less of the professional program involved."

McCarver said he will see what Clarke's needs are "more thoroughly" before he works on any specific changes, but "wants to maintain a close relationship with students."

McCarver says he will work to give Clarke "a true co-ed environment." To do that, he said he will "help adjust some attitudes within the college."

"To be truly co-educational, a college's environment should reflect both men and women in its student services," he said. "This is where I think Clarke has a chance to make a truly distinctive contribution to higher education."

McCarver said even with a co-ed school, he will make a strong commitment to leadership for women.

New location for computer center

With the opening of a new academic year, Clarke is also opening a new computer center. The new center was financed by a three-year grant of \$206,676 from the National Science Foundation received in May. The center is located behind Eliza Kelly Hall in a section of the maintenance building.

The 2,750-square-foot center houses a computer area, computer laboratories and classrooms, a keypunch area and office and storage space.

The computer grant will also be used to purchase 20 micro-computers and train faculty members to use them for every college department.

Computer graphics will also be added to Clarke's course list. Computer graphics is one of the fastest-growing areas of the computer field.



Over 400 freshmen participated in activities at the tri-college presentation picnic, August 25.

photos by Lucy Kennedy



Tom McCarver, Academic Dean

Record high reached in enrollment figures

Over 800 students have enrolled in Clarke's undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs for the fall semester according to figures released by the Registrar, giving the college its highest student population in ten years.

The total enrollment of 817 represents a 22.7 per cent increase over last fall's 666 figure and exceeds the previous high of 810 enrolled in the fall of 1970.

"It's a great way to start a year," said Dr. Meneve Dunham, president. "Things are looking positive. Everyone feels good and we're all ready to have a good educational experience."

Leading the enrollment boom is the freshman class, also the largest in ten years. The group of 184 males and females represents a 55 percent jump over last year's 119 figure. Freshmen numbered 183 in the fall of 1970.

The number of transfer students more than doubled, from 19 last fall to this year's 46. Nearly half of the transfer students are graduates of the Dubuque high schools.

Ed Reger, director of admissions, attributes the boost in enrollment to improvements in student recruiting programs as well as new and expanded programs in nursing, corporate communication, computer science and business administration. He estimates that 70 per cent of Clarke's 230 new students chose Clarke because of these

four programs.

Reger views Clarke's success in increasing its enrollment as "bucking the trend" because although more students are enrolling in colleges and universities this year, the majority of private colleges with fewer than 1000 students are experiencing declining enrollments.

Dunham said enrollment could continue to climb for the next two years but added that numbers of high school graduates will start a decline which will be felt by colleges in the fall of 1983 and continue through the 1980's.

She said the college's admissions and public relations offices would have to be relied heavily upon in the years to come to counter the effects of the smaller numbers of available students.

The admissions staff has established a new recruiting system which Reger said involves a "more consistent flow of information to prospective students throughout the year." It includes a great deal of telephone contact and step-by-step operatives concerning the mailing of informational materials about Clarke.

The "College Try" weekend, an event which brought about 90 high school seniors on campus last year to attend mini classes and social events, will be a regular fall event according to Reger. The "See-and-Ski" weekends, however, will be discontinued.

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Clarke to begin athletic season

The Clarke 1980-81 athletic season will begin with the varsity volleyball team christening the new season by playing its first game on Sept. 11.

The new season also introduces a new Clarke volleyball coach, Joanna Nesteby of East Dubuque, Ill. Although Nesteby is new to Clarke, her coaching experience can be traced back three years when she was a varsity volleyball coach at East Dubuque High School.

Along with other coaching achievements Nesteby's East Dubuque High School volleyball team participated in the 1979-80 state championships where they placed fourth.

Practice began on Wednesday, August 20 with a total of three players participating. The number of players increased as more students returned to campus. The current number of active players is nine. The shortage of players is a deterrent according to Nesteby and she hopes to have 12 to 15 players by the first game.

Senior Carol Crock is a current team member whose volleyball experience includes three years as a starting member on her high school volleyball team. Crock feels the lack of players is a disadvantage but with the addition of freshmen the teams serving and spiking talents are strong.

Nesteby is also optimistic about the upcoming season and states, "The team members have a lot of spirit and desire."

Nesteby encourages students to try out for the team. This is a good year for freshmen to play, according to Nesteby because this is Clarke's first volleyball season which gives them four years to experience intercollegiate volleyball.



Several Clarke residents participated in the Holiday Volleyball Tournament, held August 30, in the PAC.



Parents join freshmen at their orientation dinner held on Saturday, August 23.

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Faculty increases reflect departmental expansions

With student enrollment rising and the start of new academic programs, the number of faculty members has also increased.

Sister Margaret Cosgrove has been added to the business department faculty. Cosgrove formerly worked in the business office at Clarke for two years, from 1975-77.

The communication department now has three full-time faculty with the addition of Patricia Prijatel Kucera. Kucera previously taught at the University of Wisconsin and later became the editor of the Catholic World Life publication. Kucera attended Drake University where she earned her M.A. degree in Mass Communication.

Along with the new Clarke computer center came the increase of computer science faculty members. The two new members include Sheila Castaneda and Jerry Johnson.



The Clarke Union opened with a Coffeehouse on August 27. Entertainment was provided by Chris Gannon, pictured above.

Castaneda graduated from Clarke in 1973 and earned her M.S. degree in computer science at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Castaneda said that the computer science dept. has really grown since she attended Clarke. She was also pleased that the department was well prepared for the increasing number of students in the computer science department.

Jerry Johnson is also a new member of the computer science faculty and has previously taught at the Universidad del Valle in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Johnson earned his M.A. degree in computer science from the University of Colorado. Johnson is new in Dubuque and is impressed with the very pleasant atmosphere at Clarke.

Two full-time and three part-time faculty members have been added to the English department.

Beatrice Clupper and Gayle Gaskill fill the full-time teaching positions.

Clupper earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from the University of Iowa. She also attended the University of Illinois where she earned her Ph.D. in English.

Gaskill is presently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota. Her special interests include traveling, theatre and literature of Renaissance which includes Shakespeare. Gaskill likes Clarke and said, "Everyone at Clarke has been so very cordial."

Part-time English instructors include Sister Mary Ann Gschwind, Judy Lansdowne, Sister Patricia Nolan, and Steve Shepherd.

Other part-time faculty are from a variety of departments which include Margaret McIntosh in Food Nutrition, Harold Pemberton in the Philosophy department, Father J. Heidenrich in the Religious Studies department and Michael Budde in the Sociology department.



Freshman Orientation included a tri-college picnic (above) and academic events such as schedule planning with advisors (below).



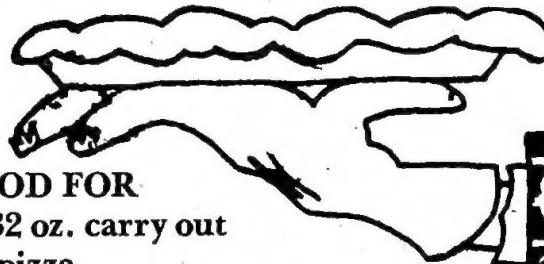
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COURIER COMMENT**Information essential to community awareness**

'Males born in 1960 and '61 must register for the draft . . .'; 'The Iranian crises: day 300'; 'Thousands of refugees are still adrift Cambodian seas . . .'

This represents a few of the headlines which appeared in the news during our summer months away from Clarke. Some news is old, and we complain that it bores us now. Other news sheds light on new political spectrums, forcing us to learn still another issue. Yet, whether it be directly or indirectly, we have all been affected by the issues which are presented to us each day.

Events and issues which occur in the tri-college community are equally important to students, and more significant because of their immediate impact.

As a result, the *Courier* staff recognizes its role as being informers of both local and significant national news. Because students often get too bogged down with their own work, they don't always have the time or motivation to search out the news themselves. Therefore, the *Courier* will be intended as a source of information for all who read it.

Consequently, we will maintain our tradition of specifically presenting *news* in our issues, while longer, feature articles will appear in our literary magazine: *The Catalyst*. We encourage our readers to respond to both publications, to keep us assured that we are giving you what you want.

After all, we owe it to ourselves to be on top of the events that happen daily, and eventually affect our individual lives. The better we understand these events, the more we can contribute in order to improve them and our future. But, if we are not informed and aware, we may have to face many more months of troubled headlines and news.

Enrollment increased

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"The more academic programs work better in attracting students," explained Reger. "The conversion rate is much higher."

The admissions office has also established a new recruiting territory which includes parts of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Karen Roberts will recruit students in this Dubuque-Chicago route.

Linda Gross will do her primary recruiting in the Chicago area while Julie Ford, a 1980 Clarke graduate and latest addition to the admissions staff, will take over the southern and western Iowa territory.

Over 90 per cent of Clarke's student population comes from a 4-state area: Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The remaining percentage are from other parts of the United States or from foreign countries, some as far away as India and China.

Senior-day planned

Clarke seniors may participate in 'Senior Day,' Saturday, September 6. The seniors will sponsor a car wash at Wards' Automotive Department at Kennedy Mall, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The car wash will be followed by Mass and a picnic at 5 p.m. The day will conclude with a camp-out behind Mary Frances Hall.

CALENDAR

Sign-up for Intramural Volleyball and Football must be complete by today at 4:00. Football games will begin Sunday, September 7, volleyball will begin September 16.

There will be a Union Dance at Clarke tonight, sponsored by the Sophomore Class. Music will be provided by Jim Gaudette and Pete Stercelli beginning at 8:30 p.m. All students must present an I.D. at the door. (Non-Clarke students under 19 years of age will not be admitted.) Admission is \$1 or CSA ticket.

If you are interested in: Leadership Training, Community Service, Campus Involvement, or just interested in people, come to the Circle K New Members meeting. It will be held this Sunday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Josita Formal Lounge. Stop by and see what Circle K is all about!

A Communal Penance service will be held in Clarke's Sacred Heart Chapel on Monday, September 8. The liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Clarke will open its 1980 volleyball season at Luther College, Thursday, September 10.

Wednesday, September 10 marks the last day for adding or cancelling classes for Clarke students. All post-registration must be complete at this time.

The Clarke Student Association will sponsor the movie "Funny Girl," in the Clarke Union Wednesday, September 10. The movie will begin at 9:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1 or CSA ticket.

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